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don't listen to me. Even the reporters don't understand what was trying to explain in Politics 101. Unless I call it to their attention and say, listen, somebody who understands politics is giving you a lesson, pay attention. They didn't get We have too many naive people around here who don't understand the dynamics of real politics and that's why they get kicked around and slapped around because they are too easily They want to get along. They want to be nice. want people to like them. Well, yeah, I'd like you too if you're going to give me everything I want. I'll amile at you because I'm getting everything I want, and I want to be cagey enough, though, to get you to smile back at me as I take from you everything. And because I smiled and was so accommodating, you don't want to offend me by insisting on what it is you want, although I'm insisting on what I want, and I've got what I want. am so put out that I have to teach my colleagues this morning a little bit about politics, and using politics, the lessons of politics, not partisanship now, on the floor of the Legislature. I'm going to teach them through my handling of these bills how to get things done, but they're not going to learn from it. you know why? Because when they attempt to do it, somebody is going to look angry. Somebody is going to get offended. Somebody is going to say I don't like what you're doing. So what? You are not doing it to make people like you. You're doing it because there is a larger goal that you have in mind and you have the heart, the nerve, and the backbone to stand up for that principle. And that's why some people get things done and others don't, is why when some people draw a line in the sand, it's taken seriously and it's not taken seriously when others do it because you know they don't have what it takes to And they demonstrate it, but the thing that is so killing to me, they did it unanimously, unanimously. They said we surrender, take it all. If this were the real world, they'd say take my wife, take my babies, take by car, take my house, take my clothes, take the family jewels, take everything because I don't want you to be offended. And then this person scratches his head and he said all I did when I knocked on the door was I just was coming to ask for a drink of water because I was thirsty. But if they're going to give me all of this, I'm going to take it, and don't even feel sorry for them. If they don't realize the value of what it is that they have, they don't